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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:In the Claims:

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Please amend Claims 12 and 14-16 as follows:

10 12. (Amended) A method of updating outdated information stored in memory of a first peer

11 computer with [more recent] updated information stored in memory of a second peer computer, wherein

12 the first peer computer and the second peer computer are interconnected via a common communications

13 link, the method comprising:

14 (a) comparing a module of outdated information stored in memory of the first peer

15 computer to a module of [more recent] updated information stored in memory of the second peer

16 computer, wherein the module of outdated information includes a plurality of module blocks at least

17 one of which contains outdated information, and wherein the module of updated information includes a

18 plurality of module blocks at least one of which contains updated information and corresponds to the at

19 least one module block of outdated information;

20 (b) downloading via the [network] common communications link the at least one

21 module block of updated information from the first peer computer to the second peer computer; and

22 (c) replacing the at least one module block containing outdated information with the

23 at least one module block containing updated information which was downloaded via the common

24 communications link.

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